



CITY OF KIRKLAND

Department of Parks & Community Services

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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Jennifer Schroder, Director
Carrie Hite, Deputy Director

Date: January 2, 2008

Subject: Letter to Mr. Todd Boyle

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize Mayor James Lauinger to sign a letter responding to Mr. Todd Boyle.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Mr. Todd Boyle sent an email to City Council with a request that the City consider building Community Centers, creating "community spaces" for the citizens of Kirkland. Please see attached email. The reply letter (email) describes our current project of building a Community Center.

-----Original Message-----

From: Todd Boyle [<mailto:tboyle@rosehill.net>]

Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 9:07 AM

To: KirklandCouncil

Subject: Rose Hill Community Center

All these community centers have been built
too far away for city residents,

Rose Hill Community Center in Wilmington, DE
<http://www.rosehillcommunitycenter.org/>

And in Alabama.
<http://www.placenames.com/us/pl62337/>

There's one in Mukilteo, too.
<http://www.scn.org/scottish/maps/mukilteo.htm>

The City Council that builds community centers in the
neighborhoods of Kirkland will go down in history.

We've got millions of square feet under roof, but
hardly any of it is public spaces. There is an imbalance.

Stewardship of a community is about people, not just
streets; parks are great but let's face it, the weather
is lousy around here. I'm fed up with Starbucks and malls,
as "community spaces". The Kirkland library is about the
only place fit to spend time! Most of the people are only
there for the Internet access. Give us community centers
with Internet- and you may be surprised how heavily they're
used!

Respectfully
Todd Boyle

January 2, 2008

DRAFT

Dear Todd Boyle [tboyle@rosehill.net]:

Thank you for your recent email and support of Community Centers in Kirkland. As you probably know, the City of Kirkland Parks and Community Services Department currently offers an array of indoor and outdoor recreation programs designed to meet the needs and interests of all age groups. In addition, the City currently operates two Community Centers in Kirkland; North Kirkland Community Center and Peter Kirk Community Center. Although the City strives to offer residents opportunities for an active and healthy lifestyle, we have recognized the need for more community space.

In July, 2006, the City contracted with Opsi Architecture and The Sports Management Group to research options for the development of a new indoor recreation facility. The team was tasked with completing a market analysis, a prototype plan, and a financial analysis. We completed this plan in March 2007.

Currently, we do not have a site selected for this facility, nor the capital funding to build it. Based on the prototype, the estimated full cost of this facility, in 2006 dollars, is \$36,566,000. This figure does include some contingencies for site development, but no capital costs for site acquisition. Communities have completed such projects with a variety of funding strategies, including citizen voted bonds and levies, REET funding, government grants, and private donations.

The next steps for Kirkland will be crucial to bring this plan to realization. The City's commitment that led to the development of outstanding outdoor parks and facilities is required if the City desires to provide high quality indoor health, fitness and recreational opportunities for its citizens. Part of the next steps include discussions in regards to potential annexation, strategic conversations in regards to bond election/capital funding, site acquisition, development of partnerships, citizen/committee involvement, information campaigns, designing, and contracting.

If you have any additional questions, would like to be involved in any of these next steps, or if you would like to be on our list serv for project updates, please contact Carrie Hite, Deputy Director, Parks and Community Services at chite@ci.kirkland.wa.us, 425-587-3320.

Thanks again for your interest.

Sincerely,

KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL

By James Lauinger
Mayor